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TO:

Lowell P. Braxton, Director

THRU:

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

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Wayne Hedberg, Minerals Permit Supervisor

RE:

Request for Approval of Transfers of Notices from American Stone, Inc. to Star Stone

Quarries, Inc., Santa Barbara Quarry (S/013/006), Duchesne County; Horse Creek Mine (S/049/034), Utah County; Heber Quarry (S/051/001), Wasatch County; and Torry Mine

(S/055/016), Wayne County, Utah

On January 12, 2000, we received a letter from Mr. Lon Thomas stating American Stone, Inc. was recently split into an operations corporation and a sales corporation. The operations corporation is the operator of the stone quarries and is under the name of Star Stone Quarries, Inc.

Mr. Thomas's project are all currently permitted under the operator name of American Stone, Inc. The Division informed Mr. Thomas that we could not change the name of his company without formal transfer forms. On February 29, 2000, the Division received four completed forms transferring operations from American Stone, Inc, to their new company of Star Stone Quarries, Inc. American Stone, Inc. has six other projects which will also be transferred in the near future.

A Large Mine Operations Notice of Intention for the Heber Quarry is currently being reviewed by the Division. We have informed Mr. Thomas that we can only transfer the currently approved Heber Quarry small mine notice. We currently hold an "interim" surety for the Heber Quarry on behalf of American Stone. Upon completion of the large mine notice review we will require the surety and reclamation contract be posted in the name of the new corporation.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the transfer of these four small mining projects, please sign and date the enclosed documents as indicated. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

jb Enclosure: 4 Transfer forms thomas-4-trs-mem